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SUBJECT: LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE AND HAITIAN ATTITUDE TO
SIGNATURE OF SAN JOSE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 192539, (B) STATE 179444, (C) STATE 179019

1. HAITIAN DELEGATION TO LAGOS CONFERENCE WILL BE LED
BY FOREIGN MINISTER EDNER BRUTUS, WHOM AMBASSADOR YOUNG
MET ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING PAST TWO DAYS IN
PORT-AU-PRINCE. THEY DISCUSSED CONFERENCE INFORMALLY AND
LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING AGAIN IN NIGERIA. ONLY OTHER
HAITIAN DELEGATE WILL BE UN PERMREP SERGE CHARLES.

2. IF BILATERAL IS ARRANGED, AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY WISH
TO FOLLOW UP ON QUESTIONS PENDING FROM HIS VISIT HERE
SUCH AS PRESIDENT DUVALIER'S RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER ON
POLITICACAL PRISONERS AND INTENTION OF HAITIANS TO HAVE
THEIR OAS AMBASSADOR INVITE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION TO VISIT HAITI. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG URGE HAITIAN SIGNATURE OF SAN JOSE
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CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. ALTHOUGH SAN JOSE CONVENTION WAS NOT RAISED DURING
YOUNG VISIT, BRUTUS SUBSEQUENTLY RESPONDED TO EMBOFF'S
INQUIRY ON SUBJECT BY SAYING THAT PERHAPS HAITI'S VOTE
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION AT GRENADA WAS MORE IMPORTANT.
EMBOFF COUNTERED BY SAYING VOTE SHOULD MAKE SIGNATURE

EASIER. BRUTUS AGREED AND SAID MATTER WOULD BE TAKEN UP
AFTER HIS RETURN FROM LAGOS TOGETHER WITH OTHER HUMAN
RIGHTS INITIATIVES. HE ADDED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD
PREFER TO "SIGN" CONVENTION WHEN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
NOT IN SESSION SINCE IT WOULD THEN BE MATTER OF SIMPLE
DECREE. (COMMENT: BRUTUS MAY HAVE CONFUSED SIGNATURE
WITH RATIFICATION).
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